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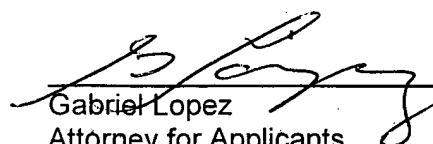
Sir:

This is in reply to an Office Action dated June 27, 2003.

Applicants elect group III, claims 25 and 26.

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